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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIETS WISH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UK

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME TOLD CHARGE DUBS IN MOSCOW THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STRIVING TO EXPAND COOPERATION WITH THE UK AND APPEAR ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE. MUCH OF SIR ALEC'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PODGORNY AND GROMYKO WAS DEVOTED TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE SOVIETS EXPRESSED THEIR ANXIETY OVER THE ISRAELI FAILURE TO WITHDRAW TO THE OCTOBER 22 CEASEFIRE LINES, FEELING THAT THE PEACE CONFERENCE MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS THE ISRAELIS WITHDRAW. HOWEVER, SIR ALEC GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS WANTED THE CONFERENCE TO START AND SEE THEMSELVES AS ONE OF THE PERMANENT GUARANTORS OF ANY PEACE SETTLEMENT. (SECRET) MOSCOW 15149, 12/4.

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2. POMPIDOU AND BRANDT ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

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FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR BRANDT USED THE OCCASION OF THEIR RECENTLY CONCLUDED SUMMIT TO DEMONSTRATE THE HARMONY BETWEEN PARIS AND BONN, BUT EMBASSY PARIS BELIEVES FRENCH CONCERNS OVER GERMANY STILL LURK BELOW THE SURFACE. IMPORTANT ISSUES WHERE FRENCH AND GERMAN POLICIES DIVERGE SUBSTANTIALLY WERE AVOIDED AT THE SUMMIT, AND THE EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT STRAINS IN ATLANTIC RELATIONS, GENERATED PRIMARILY BY THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, INFLUENCED POMPIDOU AND BRANDT TO EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 30955, 12/4. KISSINGER

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